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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: POINTING DEVICE, KEYBOARD MOUNTING THE POINTING DEVICE, AND
ELECTRONIC DEVICE PROVIDED WITH THE KEYBOARD



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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, the period for response
being effectively extended to March 23, 2003 by the Petition for Two-Month Extension of
Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please replace claims 1, 14 and 15 as follows:

1. (Amended) A pointing device including:
a sensor substrate having a flat board form;
a stick member vertically provided on an upper surface of the sensor substrate;
at least a pair of strain sensors arranged in symmetrical relation to each other
with respect to the stick member; and
a slit formed on the sensor substrate near the strain sensor, the slit remaining
on the sensor substrate and inducing an increase in an amount of deformation generated in the
sensor substrate during operation of the stick member.